



GETTING GUNS OUT OF THE HANDS OF DANGEROUSLY UNSTABLE INDIVIDUALS



*Photo: I am joined by legislative colleagues and Captain Bill Read - Commanding Officer of Suffolk’s Pistol Licensing Bureau during a briefing on my policy that is intended to keep guns out of the hands of mentally unstable individuals.*

The Suffolk County Legislature approved a measure that I sponsored [which](#) mandates that Suffolk law enforcement agencies cross reference the names and address of individuals undergoing a psychiatric crisis and transported to Stony Brook University’s [Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program](#) (CPEP) against Suffolk County’s pistol license registries. If there is a match between the name or home address and the registry, that information will automatically be provided to the respective pistol licensing bureau, where an investigation can be made regarding suspension or revocation of the license.

We are focusing in on those who have been identified as a threat to themselves or others. This is a common sense measure that moves us toward the goal of keeping guns from individuals too unstable to have access to such a weapon.

“When Legislator Hahn brought this idea to my attention, I implemented it immediately because it has the potential to save lives,” said Suffolk County Police Commissioner Edward Webber. “By codifying this procedure, the Legislature can demonstrate its support and make this check part of Suffolk County’s law.”

OVERDOSE SAVES TO RECEIVE DRUG TREATMENT INFO/REFERRALS

*Suffolk will also seek certification to train laypeople on the use of Narcan in cases of opiate overdoses*

I have won approval for two resolutions outlining the next steps in Suffolk's ongoing fight against an opiate and painkiller epidemic that took the lives of at least 83 County residents last year alone. The first requires Suffolk's Health Department to offer information on sources of rehabilitation help to individuals saved by County Police using the opiate antagonist Narcan, as part of the program that I instituted last year. The second bill directs the Health Department to become a certified training center for Narcan in order to train laypersons to administer the antidote.

Since the County Police started carrying Narcan last year more than [60](#) lives have been saved by our County Police. This legislation takes the next step-urging those overdose victims to get the help they need to overcome their addictions.



*Photo: County Executive Steve Bellone and I look on during a Narcan use demonstration.*

According to Long Island Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence (LICADD) Executive Director Dr. Jeffrey Reynolds, "The Narcan pilot program has resulted in more than fifty saves in a short amount of time - that's fifty Long Islanders who have a second shot at life. These two measures will mean more lives saved and a direct linkage to care for overdose survivors and their families. Suffolk's promotion of Narcan and commitment to saving lives stands as a shining example for the rest of the country and we at LICADD thank Legislator Hahn for her hard work in addressing our region's opiate crisis."

COMMUNITY MEETINGS SCHEDULED



Your Community,  
Your Voice,



**Legislator Kara Hahn's  
Neighborhood Meeting Series**

I am pleased to announce the dates of two of four community meetings that I will be holding throughout the Fifth Legislative District. These participant oriented gatherings are intended to provide residents opportunities to share their thoughts about Suffolk County and community related issues directly with me.

I want to hear from residents across this district on the issues that concern them and what they ultimately want the future of our community to be. I want to hear from all of you, so I can best represent your interests everyday as your Legislator.

The meetings that have been scheduled will be held:

<b>Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup></b> 7:00PM Earl L. Vandermeulen High School Library 350 Old Post Road Port Jefferson	<b>Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup></b> 7:00PM Comsewogue High School General Instruction Room 565 Bicycle Path Port Jefferson Station
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Two additional meetings are being scheduled at locations in Setauket and Stony Brook.

## SPRING 2013 PARENTING WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED

I am teaming up the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County and the Three Village School District to offer a series of parenting workshops to the community. All classes will be held on the dates below from 7:00PM to 9:00PM at R.C. Murphy Junior High School • Library • 351 Oxhead Road • Stony Brook. [Click here](#) to download a flyer or call Anastasia Loper at 631-727-7850 x 340 for more information.

**Living with a Teenager**  
**Tuesday, April 16**

As a parent of a pre-teen or teen, are you bewildered by adolescent behavior? Does her moodiness drive you crazy? Does his attitude push your buttons? Would you like to have a better relationship with your adolescent? In this workshop, parents will learn what’s really happening during adolescence and how to restore good feelings between yourself and your teenager.

*One session; ages 10-16*

**Discipline is Not a Dirty Word**  
**Thursdays, April 18 and 25, May 2**

Can children cooperate without bribes, rewards and punishments? Yes! Positive discipline means helping children learn self-control and problem solving. Discover new ways to correct and guide children’s behavior.

*Three Sessions; ages 2-12*

**The 3M Approach to Healthy Childhood Weight**  
**Wednesday, April 24**

Children are experiencing weight problems at earlier and earlier ages. Unhealthy weight during childhood can have devastating health consequences if not managed; it is said that this generation of children will be the first in history to have a shorter life expectancy than their parents. This program will address what families can do to reverse this trend and develop habits for a healthier future.

*One session; ages 1-12*

**Reclaiming Childhood**  
**Monday, April 29**

Media and popular culture are forcing adult content on children at younger and younger ages, robbing today’s children of their childhood and their innocence. Learn how to protect your child from the unhealthy messages they are receiving on a regular basis.

*One session, ages 1-12*

**What Were You Thinking? Why Teens Take Risks**  
**Tuesday, May 7**

While many choices teens make are baffling to parents and other adults, there is a rational explanation why teens take risks. Learn how the brain develops and works during adolescence and ways to help teens reduce or avoid risks.

*One Session; ages 10-16*

**Temper Tantrums: Yours and Theirs**  
**Wednesday, May 8**

You are at the grocery store when your toddler has his fifth temper tantrum of the day. Although temper tantrums are normal for children between the ages of 1 and 5, you can’t help but feel embarrassed. Maybe you even feel like having a tantrum of your own. What should you do? In this two-hour workshop we will discuss the causes of tantrums, what can be done to minimize them, and the best ways to deal with them when they do occur.

*One session; ages 1-5*

**The Family Table**  
**Monday, May 13**

Our busy schedules have driven many families away from the everyday family table. But now more than ever we need the benefits of gathering together to bond as a family. Learn how to make your family connection, nutrition and well-being a priority once again. In this workshop you’ll learn about the benefits of family mealtimes, tips for getting the family together, and suggestions for preparing simple nutritious meals for your family.

*One session; all ages*

## VANDERBILT PLANETARIUM RE-OPENS

Check out the improvements just completed at Long Island’s premiere planetarium in this video.



See them in person at 180 Little Neck Road in Centerport. Phone: (631) 854-5538.  
<http://www.vanderbiltmuseum.org/index.html>

## WALK/RUN FOR FRIENDS OF KAREN AT THE LI MARATHON

*An Opportunity to Help Children Diagnosed with Cancer and Other Life-threatening Illnesses*

**5K Walk/Run on Saturday, May 4**  
**10K, Half & Full Marathon on Sunday, May 5**  
**Eisenhower Park East Meadow, NY**



Friends of Karen provides emotional, financial and advocacy support for children with life threatening illnesses and their families in order to keep them stable, functioning and able to cope. The organization has helped more than 12,400 children in the New York tri-state region.

Friends of Karen began in 1978 when family friends came to the aid of a couple and their 16-year-old daughter, Karen, who was terminally ill. A fund-raising campaign for medical and other costs enabled Karen to spend her precious last days at home surrounded by loving family and friends. More than 35 years later, Friends of Karen has expanded to a tri-state children’s charity that serves children from birth to 21 who are diagnosed with cancer or another life-threatening illness. Last year, 1,375 children benefitted from Friends of Karen’s services.

The Walk/Run for Friends of Karen was started in 2007 with 25 participants and spearheaded by Evelyn Anderson, a Friends of Karen parent who wanted to run a half marathon to honor her son, Luke, diagnosed with leukemia as a toddler and now enjoying growing up with his loving family. Last year, more than 300 walkers and runners joined the team and more than \$340,000 has been raised for the organization.

Don't pass up this wonderful opportunity to help Friends of Karen in their efforts to assist their very special families who turn to them in their time of need. For more information, please visit [www.friendsofkaren.org](http://www.friendsofkaren.org) and click on the photo of the participants or call 631.473.1768, ext. 303.



***Photo:** I recently joined Cablevision to present a check to Friends of Karen Executive Director Nancy Mariano at the Organization’s A Night for Jason fundraiser held at Comsewogue High School.*

IN THE COMMUNITY



**An Eagle Has Landed in Terryville**

The Fifth Legislative District’s newest Eagle Scout, Kevin Kruse of Terryville, was joined by family and friends during his Court of Honor held at Infant Jesus Church in Port Jefferson. I honor Kevin, who for his Community Service Project landscaped and built benches in Infant Jesus Church’s southern lawn, for his service to the community.



**Goallll...Three Village Soccer Club Coaches Recognized**

I recently honored three of the Three Village Soccer Club’s coaches during the organization’s annual dinner reception and awards ceremony held at the Willow Creek Golf & Country Club. The event recognized Don Hoffmann for being Man of the Year, Sean Laydon on being Girls Coach of the Year and Alex Mendolia for Boys Coach of the Year. *Photo Credit: Greg Catalano*



**Boys & Girls Club Opens New Space in Port Jefferson Station**

The Boys and Girls Club of Suffolk County recently moved to new facility located at 324 Jayne Boulevard in Port Jefferson Station. I commemorated the move during an open house that showcased the larger space.



**Elect Her – Encouraging the Next Generation of Leaders**

I was a guest at Stony Brook University’s recent ELECT HER: CAMPUS WOMEN WIN forum. At the event, I discussed my path to becoming an elected representative and wish to see more women involved in all areas of the political process.



### Local History Lives in Port Jefferson

I celebrated the Port Jefferson Historical Society's work to preserve our history during its annual dinner held at Lombardi's on the Sound in Port Jefferson. The organization was formed in 1967 to discover, preserve and disseminate knowledge about the history of the Greater Port Jefferson area.



### Stopping Drunk Drivers

I recognized Officer Jason Ostrow at a ceremony for making the highest number of Driving While Intoxicated related arrests in Suffolk's Sixth Precinct over the past year. This was the second year in a row that Officer Ostrow earned this distinction making 24 DWI arrests in 2012 alone.



### Ward Melville Girls and Boys Fencing Honored For Being Long Island Champs

Co-captains Alexa Antipas and Maria Mucci of the Ward Melville High School Girls Fencing Team and Travis Quinn and Jake Goldberg of the Boys team attended a recent meeting of the Suffolk County Legislature where they were honored for being the 2013 Long Island Fencing Champions in their respective divisions.



### Ward Melville Intel STS Semifinalists Honored at Legislature

I recently invited Intel STS and Siemens STEM Competition semifinalists from Ward Melville High School to be recognized. In attendance were Intel Semifinalists Phoebe McAuliffe, Sanjula Singhal and Gloria Zheng.



### Honoring Fred Sganga

Long Island State Veterans Home Executive Director Fred Sganga was honored with a Community Leadership Award during a ceremony held at the Holiday Inn Express in Stony Brook. I presented Mr. Sganga with a proclamation to celebrate his achievements and advocacy on behalf of Long Island's veterans.



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